COVILA

Rioja Reserva

Wine Maker: Gloria Molinet

Designation: DOCa Rioja Alavesa **Location:** Lapuebla de Labarca

Vineyards: Left bank of The Ebro River, Rioja Alavesa Age of Vineyards: Average of 23 years; 21% are over 35

years, and some vines were planted in 1911.

Exposure: South/South West

Elevation: 400 - 640m

Soil: Mainly Chalk, some Limestone

Varietal: 100% Tempranillo

Sub Varieties: Tempranillo indigenous to Rioja **Training System:** 80% Gobelet, 20% Double Wire

Vine Density: 2700 – 3000/ha Harvest Method: Hand Picked Maceration period: 4 days Fermentation: 10 days

Malolactic Fermentation: 28 days (20% in new oak)

Barrique Aging: 26 Months, 225L **Wood:** American Oak (20% new)

Additional Bottle Aging: 12 Months Minimum

Alcohol: 14% **Acid:** 5.2 g/l **pH:** 3.56

Residual Sugar: 1.6 g/l Cases Produced: 6,000 Cellar Potential: 10+ Years



Bodegas Covila was founded in 1989 by sixty vineyard owners from Lapuebla de Labarca in the heart of Rioja Alavesa. This small town is situated on the north bank of the Ebro River south of the Sierra Cantabria Mountains. Because the vineyard owners have been making their own wines for generations, very old, small vineyards with low vine density that would have been replanted in other areas of Rioja are still being cultivated. The vines are favored with 2,000 hours of sun, and less than 400mm of rain annually. This allows Bodegas Covila to make fresh, fruity and structured wines with deep color, balanced acidity and sweet tannins that age gracefully.

